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FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON STATUS GABONESE CONTINGENT WITH SHABA AFRICAN FORCE SUPPLIED BY FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE, ACQUIRED PRIMARILY FROM FRNCH OFFICERS SERVING WITH GABONESE ARMED FORCES:

A. GABONESE TROOPS ARE ALMOST TOTALLY SUPPORTED BY MOROCCANS AND APPARENTLY ARE INTEGRATED INTO COMPANY OF MOROCCAN TROOPS. MOROCCAN-PROVIDED SUPPORT INCLUDES FOOD, ALTHOUGH SOME MANIOC AND CASSAVA IS SENT FROM GABON AS GABONESE DO NOT LIKE CORN-BASED DIET AVAILABLE IN
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SHABA. THESE FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER SMALL THINGS FROM HOME TRANSPORTED TO SHABA BY GABONESE AIR FORCE C-130 WHICH MAKES FAIRLY REGULAR FLIGHTS. GABONESE HAVE PROBABLY AGREED TO REIMBURSE MOROCCANS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF ARMY GEN. BA OUMAR, HAS VISITED TROOPS ON "SEVERAL OCCASIONS".

?. GABONESE STILL PLANNING ROTATE TROOPS WITH THEIR
OWN AIRCRAFT ON APPROXIMATELY 90 DAY CYCLE. FIRST
ROTATION IS NOW FEW DAYS OVERDUE BUT APPARENTLY WILL
BE CARRIED OUT SHORTLY AFTER RETURN OF ONE OF
GABONESE C-130S NOW ON MISSION OUTSIDE COUNTRY. TIENKEN

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